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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 01 February 2001 (01.02.01)	
International application No. PCT/CA00/00713	Applicant's or agent's file reference CF/12810.18
International filing date (day/month/year) 09 June 2000 (09.06.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 09 June 1999 (09.06.99)
Applicant KLVANA, Danilo et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

21 December 2000 (21.12.00)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election ☒ was

☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PO 00/00713

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 B01J8/04 F23C11/00 F23G7/06

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 B01J F23G F28D F23C

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	EP 0 575 883 A (ISHIKAWAJIMA HARIMA HEAVY IND) 29 December 1993 (1993-12-29) page 8, line 11 -page 9, line 23 figures 5-9	1,3-6,8, 10,13
X	DE 44 39 807 A (BASF AG) 9 May 1996 (1996-05-09) column 1, line 49 -column 2, line 41 claim 1; figure 1	1-6,10
X	EP 0 890 812 A (MITSUI ENGINEERING & SHIPBUILDING CO, LTD) 13 January 1999 (1999-01-13) column 18, line 42 -column 21, line 2 claims 1,5-12; figure 4	1,3,4,6, 12
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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

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"8" document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

16 October 2000

Date of mailing of the international search report

24/10/2000

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EP 0575883 A	29-12-1993	JP 6013096 A CA 2098424 A, C US 5346779 A	21-01-1994 26-12-1993 13-09-1994
DE 4439807 A	09-05-1996	DE 59501278 D EP 0711595 A JP 8206487 A US 5658538 A	19-02-1998 15-05-1996 13-08-1996 19-08-1997
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US 2700598 A	25-01-1955	NONE	
US 3607125 A	11-05-1971	BE 743777 A DE 1961320 A FR 2027323 A GB 1257680 A NL 6918934 A	28-05-1970 23-07-1970 25-09-1970 22-12-1971 02-07-1970

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference CF/12810.18	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/CA 00/ 00713	International filing date (day/month/year) 09/06/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 09/06/1999
Applicant POLYVALOR, S.E.C.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

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☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

Fixed bed reactor (10) for exothermic catalytic reactions comprising a longitudinal outer chamber (12) having a proximate and a distal end (14,16), provided with a reactor inlet (24) near the first longitudinal end (14). The reactor further comprises a longitudinal inner chamber (18) coaxially mounted in the outer chamber (12), having a proximate end and a distal end (20,22) said inner chamber, provided with a reactor outlet (26) at its proximate end (20). The inner chamber (18) includes a) a first section (34) located near the proximate longitudinal end and being thermally coupled to the outer chamber, b) a second section (38) located near the distal longitudinal end which is in fluid communication with both the outer chamber and the first section, and c) a third section (32) located between the first and second sections which is thermally isolated (40) from the outer chamber (12). During operation, the gas entering the outer chamber (12) through the reactor inlet is preheated to the ignition temperature by the heat coming from the first section (34) of the inner chamber (18), and is forced to flow in the outer chamber in a first direction from the proximate end to the distal end. The gas then flows in the inner chamber from its distal end to its proximate end thereof, exiting through the reactor outlet.

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International Application No

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	US 2 700 598 A (ODELL WILLIAM W.) 25 January 1955 (1955-01-25) column 2, line 41 -column 3, line 41 claims 1-9; figure 1 ---	1-4, 6, 8-11, 16
A	US 3 607 125 A (KYDD PAUL H) 21 September 1971 (1971-09-21) the whole document -----	1, 3-6, 10

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Information on patent family members

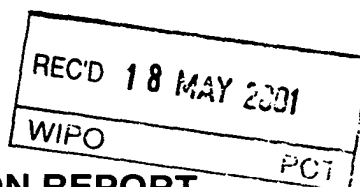
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference CF/12810.18	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/CA00/00713	International filing date (day/month/year) 09/06/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 09/06/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC B01J8/04		
Applicant POLYVALOR, S.E.C.		



1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 21/12/2000	Date of completion of this report 16.05.2001
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/CA00/00713

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-15 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-16 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/13-13/13 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1 - 16
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1 - 16
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1 - 16
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

Section V:

1. The invention relates to a fixed bed catalytic reactor with an outer chamber including an inner chamber. Reactant enters the outer chamber at one end, passes an internal heat exchanger and it transferred to the inner chamber at the other end. The reaction product leaving the inner chamber supplies reaction heat to the internal heat exchanger. An essential feature of the invention resides in the provision of a thermal insulation between the parts of the inner and outer chambers which are distant from the heat exchange section.
2. The closest prior art document is EP-A-0 575 883 which discloses (in particular in its Figs. 5 and 6) a similar reactor which, however, has no thermal insulation as define din claim 1. Therefore, the claimed subject-matter is novel.
3. The problem to be solved was to provide a reactor of improved controllability and to avoid hot spots in the catalyst bed. The provision of the thermal insulation appears to solve this problem because the heat exchange is restricted to defined areas of the reactor.

Section VIII:

1. The "distal end 22" mentioned on page 7, line 11 of the description should apparently be the "proximate end 20".

17 JAN 2001

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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**NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE
COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES**

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference CF/12810.18		IMPORTANT NOTICE
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Applicant POLYVALOR, S.E.C. et al		

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:
AG,AU,DZ,KP,KR,MZ,US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:

AE,AL,AM,AP,AT,AZ,BA,BB,BG,BR,BY,CA,CH,CN,CR,CU,CZ,DE,DK,DM,EA,EE,EP,ES,FI,GB,GD,
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NO,NZ,OA,PL,PT,RO,RU,SD,SE,SG,SI,SK,SL,TJ,TM,TR,TT,TZ,UA,UG,UZ,VN,YU,ZA,ZW

The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on
21 December 2000 (21.12.00) under No. WO 00/76654

REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

REMINDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE (Article 22 or 39(1))

If the applicant wishes to proceed with the international application in the national phase, he must, within 20 months or 30 months, or later in some Offices, perform the acts referred to therein before each designated or elected Office.

For further important information on the time limits and acts to be performed for entering the national phase, see the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy) and Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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Continuation of Form PCT/IB/308

NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE COMMUNICATION OF
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Applicant's or agent's file reference CF/12810.18	International application No. PCT/CA00/00713
<p>The applicant is hereby notified that, at the time of establishment of this Notice, the time limit under Rule 46.1 for making amendments under Article 19 has not yet expired and the International Bureau had received neither such amendments nor a declaration that the applicant does not wish to make amendments.</p>	

PCT**REQUEST**

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

For receiving Office use only

International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum) CF/12810.18**Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION**

FIXED BED REACTOR FOR GAS INVOLVING EXOTHERMIC CATALYTIC REACTIONS AND PROCESS THEREFOR

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The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:

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